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Re: U.S. Patent Application of LUONGO, Joseph S. for "Strengthened,
Light Weight Construction Board and Method and Apparatus for
Making the Same", Serial No.: 09/732,852; Filed: December 8, 2000;
Our Docket No. 08800/00008.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the following:

1. Preliminary Amendment.
2. Our post card. Please date stamp and return.

No additional claim fee is required.

Fee Requirements for Claims as Amended

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small/Large Entity Rate	Fee
Total	46	Minus	48	0	\$9/\$18	\$0.00
Independent	7	Minus	7	0	\$39/\$78	\$0.00
Amendment adds multiple dependent claims					\$130/\$260	\$0.00
TOTAL						\$0.00

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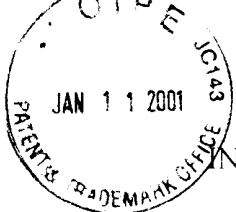
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Appln. of: LUONGO, Joseph S.

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Group Art Unit: to be assigned.

Examiner: to be assigned.

For: STRENGTHENED, LIGHT WEIGHT CONSTRUCTION BOARD AND METHOD
AND APPARATUS FOR MAKING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits of the above-referenced application, please amend
the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 6, line 7, please change "4 to 10" to --3 to 10--.

On page 15, line 15, after "of the instant invention contains", please insert ~~of~~ of the total
weight of the slurry gypsum at up to about 60% by weight, and--.

On page 15, line 16, after "volume by weight", please insert ~~of~~ and more preferably up to
about 40% volume by weight--.

On page 23, line 1, before "25% solution", please insert --10% to--.

On page 23, line 2, please change "5% to 30%" to --0.1% to 30%--.

On page 23, line 13, please change "30%" to --25%--.